ALLOT-BOX OPENING DECISION DUE MONDAY

Election Court Jurists Hear Pleas of Opposing Counsel,

Then Direct Adjournment

Judge Finletter Suggests Division Officers Be Not Allowed to Lock Up Corruption

BRIEF TIME INTERVENES

Open Ballot-Boxes, Is Object of Court Fight

EGAL battle of Town Meeting party for last election opens in Election Court today.

Petition with sweeping accusations against Organization to be pre-

The charges include alleged throwing out of 20,000 votes cast for the Town Meeting party, stuffing of ballot-boxes, phantom voting, mutilation of votes and the distribution of \$50,000 worth of poll-

tax receipts free.

Mass of affidavits covering alleged fraud in more than 700 of the 1336 divisions in the city also to be pre-

sented in backing up the petition.

Evidence said to be overwhelming. Independents and Penrose men predict complete victory.

Decision on the petitions of the Town Meeting candidates to open the ballot-boxes probably will be given by the election court on Monday. The court adjourned this aft-erhoon after hearing lengthy arguments from both the Town Meeting and Repub-lican party counsel.

As December 6 is the last date on which a contest of an election could be filed in Quarter Sessions, according to the law, Judge Finletter said he thought there might not be time enough to go over all the bal-lots in the 1336 divisions throughout Phila-delphia.

Henry J. Scott, of counsel for the Town Meeting party, suggested that sufficient clerks and watchers for both sides be engaged for this task. He said that time could be saved by submitting only the questionable ballots to the court.

Judge Finletter said he thought it would be a good thing to open the ballot bores so that the election officers could know that they were not so garred that they could lock up corruption.

Mr. Scott pointed out that the Town

Meeting party had filed petitions to open boxes in 667 divisions and that the Re-publicans had filed petitions to open the xes in 161 divisions, making a total of \$25 divisions which are questionable. He secreted therefore that it would be just as well to open all the boxes.

W. Horace Hepburn said there was a clause in the election law which stated that all petitions for opening boxes should be sed of three days after the official

count was begun.

If there were such a law, Mr. Scott said,
it was certainly unconstitutional. In view of irregularities brought to light a many divisions so far, it is contended enerally by counsel for the Town Meeting

party that opening of the boxes will resu t

in electing the independent candidates.

The petition to the court was filed by Thomas F. Armstrong, candidate for Receiver of Taxes: William R Nicholson candidate for City Treasurer, and Walter George Smith, condidate for Register of Wills, A supplemental netting wills. A supplemental petition was filed by Eugene C. Bonniwell, candidate for Judge of Common Pleas Court of No. 5, who was opposed by William H. Staake, Jr., and John Monaghan. At the outset of the proceedings Mr. Hepburn contended that petitions for the

Hepburn contended that petitions for the opening of all the ballot-boxes should be filed at one time. Mr. Scott said that he did not have every single one of the petitions completed as the soldier vote was only counted yesterday, and he had numer-ous petitions to prepare attacking these re-turns. Mr. Scott showed, however, that he ad enough petitions ready to start proceed

gs immediately.

It was finally agreed to let the action tart. Henry J. Scott suggested that the irt take the vote of the twelfth division. Forty-sixth Ward, and twenty-sixth divition, Fort fourth Ward, first,

Congressman Scott immediately objected, and said he wanted to file answers to these Judges Finletter and Martin ruied that argument begin immediately.

DENIES COURT'S JURISDICTION When this matter had been settled W. Horace Hepburn said that the election court did no, have the right to open the ballot boxes. He declared that the entire ballot system was confusing and politics had gotten the better of the law. He said that the law distinct y stated that the Quarter Sessions Court was the place for ballot - boxes to be opened. He said the petition would deny the Quarter Sessions Court its right in the matter.

will submit a large number of affidavits covering alleged fraud charges in 700 of the 1336 divisions of the city.

lowers said the evidence was so overhelming that they have every hope of proving their case easily.

CANDIDATES SIGN PETITION

The petition, which was drawn up last ight, is signed by the three Town Meeting candidates. Thomas Armstrong, for eiver of Taxes; Walter George Smith r Register of Wills, and William R. cholson, for City Treasurer, and also Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell, of the Municipal Court, who was an aspirant on the nonpartisan ballot for the Common Pleas bench. In addition, Bonniwell will e a separate petition for a recount.

The petition follows:
To the Honorable J. Willis Martin and
the Honorable Thomas D. Finletter,
judges of the Common Pleas Coart, sitting as the Election Court—The petition ting as the Election Court—The petition of the undersgned respectfully represents:

First. That as the municipal election, duly held in and for the city and county of Philadelphia on the sixth day of November, 1917, your petitioners were candidates for the offices hereinafter set

vember, 1917, your petitioners were candidates for the offices hereinafter set forth.

Second. That your petitioners are informed and believe, and therefore aver, that at said election various irregularities as well as fraudulent acts were committed by persons purporting to be qualified electors, as well as by various election officers and others, so as to nullify and vitiate the express intent of the majority of the electors of Philadelphia County as represented by the ballots cast at said election, particularly in:

(a) That in 110 election divisions the voters list fied by said election officers of the respective districts hereinbefore enumerated, more votes were returned as cast in the totals computed than the voting list show electors who voted, agreating a total of 1537 votes.

(b) That in 487 districts the voters affled by the election officers show a fure to return the proper number of votes indicated by the voters lists, agreating a total of 9308 votes.

VOTERS' LISTS NOT RETURNED (c) That in a large number of votes were indicated in disregard of the laws regulting the marking of the beliots.

(d) That a large number of votes were by persons not entitled to vote the impersonating duly qualified elections falled to vote; not being qualified election falled to vote; not being qualified as of the districts in which said a were cast; and those who names do appear upon the registration lists.

(e) It a large number of votes were the personating duly qualified election falled to vote; not being qualified election falled to vote; not being qualified election falled to vote the falled to vote; not being qualified election falled to vote; not being qualified

EMPLOYES PAY RESPECTS TO POSTMASTER THORNTON



Philadelphia's postal chief is fifty-four years old today, and in honor of his birthday employes at the Federal Building presented him with a huge bouquet. In the picture, left to right, are Postmaster Thornton and Assistant Postmaster John E. Lister and Chief Bookkeeper John F. Myers, who presented the bouquet.

to count and include in their return of votes, will aggregate 25,000 and unward, and that if the ballet-hoxes of said divisions where said discrepancies in the number of votes cast and the number returned appears of record are opened, the ballets so lawfully cast and which the said board failed and neglected to count and include in their return will be manifest and the said error in the return can thereby be corrected.

(f) That your petitioners have been deprived of a large number of votes legally cast for them, because of the deliberate feasification and manipulation of ballets after the said molis had closed and during the progress of the count and thereafter also by the placing of additional marks upon said ballots in fraud of your petitioners' rights as well as those of the electors.

tioners' rights as well as those of the electors.

(g) That 100,000 tax receipts were purchased in bulk with funds furnished by the Republican organization. In violation of law. That said reseipts were given by the Republican organization aforesaid, as petitioners are informed and believe, to electors who used them to qualify as voters in violation of the law.

(h) That in a score of election districts the election officers did not return the voters' list as required by law.

(i) That in a large number of election districts the election officers and officers warded the election returns before the vote was counted. And without verifying the same.

(j) That in a great many election districts, other men than the qualified election officers handled, counted the ballots and filled in the returns, in violation of law.

Third. That in verious divisions the

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Third That in various divisions the election boards did not count the ballots cast, but simply placed upon the return sheets such figures as they arbitrarily saw fit, and your petitioners believe that the recount of the votes cast will show a very large and hasterial increase in the totals credited to them.

Fourth That the facts hereinforces

very large and hasterial increase in the totals credited to them.

Fourth, That the facts hereinbefore enumerated were the result of willful mistake or authority and or error, more than sufficient to deprive the electors of Philadelphia of their properly elected officers and constituted nalimble fraud upon the citizens of Philadelphia and upon two restitioners, and ought to be corrected in this court.

Fifth, That the officers in question are among the most important in their relation to the city and county of Philadelphia and that the citizens and electors as well as your netitioners are entitled to have a full, complete, honest, and accurate return of the ballots cast, to determine who are the duly ciceted officials for the various offices voted for on November 6, 1917.

Sixth Wherefore your netitioners pray your honorable court will in the interest of good government, to protect the integrity of the ballot-box and to give us certificates to the offices to which we aver we were duly elected to one all the ballot-boxes in the cits of Foliadelphia and recount the vote believing that when the ballot-boxes are opened full corroboration of the averments herein contained will be found therein.

BIG CORPORATION GRANTS 10 PER CENT WAGE RISE

Employes of Victor Talking Machine Company Receiving Less Than \$30 Weekly Benefit

A 10 per cent wage increase for all em A 10 per cent wage increase for an em-ployes receiving less than \$30 a week was announced by the Victor Talking Machine Company, of Camden, employing 10,000 persons, today. The advance was made, the company said, because an investigation had hown the officers and directors that the cost of living had advanced and therefore higher wages were necessary. The company decided upon the action with a full realization that it involved serious risk and cer-tain loss of income to stockholders. The present increase makes a total wage

advance in the Victor plant of 36.4 per cent since the great war began. Hundreds of adjustments of wages and salaries of individua's also have been made.

The company said the advance was made despite the fact that already the amount of money available for dividends was only balf that of 1916 and wages were already higher in the plant than in others of the ame class.

The company is making no bid for servces of operatives who are needed for Gayernment work, but on the contrary, is training inexperienced persons for positions left vacant by 1000 employes who went into

WILL ATTEND WATERWAYS MEET

200 to Go From Here, but City and Chamber Commerce Not Represented

Neither the City of Philadelphia nor the Chamber of Commerce will be officially represented at the annual convention of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association which opens at Miami, Fig., next Tuesday, it was learned today. Both Mayor Smith and the officials of the commerce body

failed to appoint delegates.

Wilmington, Chester, Camden, Trenton,
New York and other cities, however, will send large delegations. Mayor Charles H. Ellis, of Camden, will head twenty-five delegates from that city, while Mayor Fred-erick W. Donnelly will head a large delegation from Trenton.

About 200 representative business mer from this city will leave tomorrow after-noon for Washington, where they will board a special train for Miami tomorrow night The delegation will be headed by Congress-man J. Hampton Moore, president of the association. The special train will stop at Chirleston, S. C., and Savannah, Ga., en route and on the return will stop at Jack-sonville. Fla.

Scranton Street Car Strike Settled SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 24.—The motor-men, conductors, barnmen and track hands of the Scranton Railway Company have accepted the company's offer of three cents per hour. The men petitioned for an inper hour. The men petitione crease of six cents an hour. Operators of he car will now receive thirty-two cents an hour. The trackmen will get twenty-five cents an hour. H. J. Crowley, of Phila-

delphia, conducted the negotiations for the

SAMMEES' TRENCHES TURNED TO QUAGMIRES

Normal War Activity and Abnormal Amount of Mud Mark Situation on American Front

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE Nov. 21

Normal artillery and normal patrol activty-but abnormal mud-expresses the trench conditions at the American front tentas. The Sammees take nightly excur

into the weedy, muddy bottom of No Man's Land. Steady rains have made everything imy and slippery. The trenches are veri-

SKILL OF SURGEONS SAVES FROM CHARGE OF MURDER

Weman Who Shot Hotel Man Through Body Merely Accused of Assault

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 24.—Marvelous surgical skill saved Sadle Mitchell, twenty-two years old, from facing a charge of Sersons, a Haltimore avenue hotelkeeper with intent to kill on October 18 last. Sessons was brought to court from the City Hospital, where surgeons had taken

out his stomach and various other organ and patched them up in an astonishina fashion to prevent a bullet from proving fatal after a close-range shot had driven the missile clear through his body. It dropped from Sesson's undershirt when he first arrived in the hospital.

There are now six patches upon the in-tertines of the human target, but the doc-tors feel certain he will pull through. The charge against the Mitchell woman was atrochors assault and battery with in-tent to kill. Even if Sessons ultimately should die, the best Jersey justice can do will be to exact reparation for manshaughter. She was held in \$1500 ball

SEEKS LICENSE TRANSFER

Two Remonstrances Filed Against Joseph Pentony's Petition-To Be Heard Wednesday

and restaurant at 1401 Filbert street, which site was taken by the city for parkway purposes, today filed a petition with Clerk Millian Turner, in Quarter Sessions court, for a transfer of the license privileges to 1638 Market street. Two remonstrances were also filed against the transfer. The remonstrants, who are represented by Frank A. Moorshead, are nearby residents and business people. They say that the license is not necessary for the accommo-dation of the public and point out that there are now three retail houor licenses within a radius of one-half block of the place applied for by Pentony. Judges Martin and Finietter will sit

next Wednesday to hear the following list of applications for transfers: Retail—Patrick J. Coen, 769 East Passyurk avenue, to John F. Leonard; Thoma A. Schmitt, 116 Market street, to Gabrie Callaban; Charles B. Peterman and owner 305 Walnut street to Morris Spielman: Joseph Pentony, 1431 Filbert street, to 1638 Market street; Charles Ihlenfeld, 507 Callowhill street, to Henry F. Schneider: Josephine Bogner, 503 Green street, to Jacob Strassner: John Gallagher, southeast corner of Fifteenth and Callowbill streets to Michael, Bradley; Denis McIntyre, Palmer street, to 500 Richmond a portheast corner Palmer street Patrick Hurley and Samuel Hewlett, 1307 Master street, to Patrick Hurley, George M. Sauers, 1700 North Eleventh street, to John McMabon; Terence F. Rodgers and owner, 1614 South Twentieth street, to Harry J. Mc-Ginnis.

Wholesnie - Joseph Cerpitella, 1824 South Eleventh street, to Natale Arena; Peter J. Diamond, 272 West York street, to eph C. Diamond; Joseph C. Diamond, West York street, to 2401-03 North Third street; the H. L. Witte Browing Company, Inc., 2229-31 North American Company, Inc., 2229-31 North American street, to 2317-23 Sedgley avenue; Edwin W. Williams, northeast corner Gratz street and Susquehanna avenue, to Arthur A. Fal-Pentony's application is the only one with

remonstrance filed against it

DR. MALATESTA BURIED

Requiem High Mass Held Today at St. Rita's Church

The funeral of Dr. Joseph M. Malatesta who died Wednesday night after an illness of several weeks, was held today from his residence, 1613 South Broad street. emn requiem mass was celebrated at 10 o'clock at St. Rita's Church, Broad and Ellsworth streets. Interment followed at Holy Cross Cemetery, Doctor Malatesta received his earlier edu-

cation in the common schools in this city and in Italy. He obtained the degree of master of arts at Waterford N. J., Academy and later was graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and the Jefferson Medical College. He held the degree of Ph. D., conferred by Villanova in 1966, and for several years was an instructor in skin diseases at Jefferson College

Free Wool for Sweaters Monday

Free wool for 25,000 sweaters will be distributed by the women of the South-Train Carrying Soldiers Wrecked

KANSAS CITY. Nov. 24.—The second section of a special Union Pacific train carrying soldiers from Camp Funsion to Kansas City and a Santa Fe train were keeper and a Santa Fe train were wrecked at the croming of the two roads in the Croming of the two roads in the Toeks yards today. Both engineers in thousand pounds of gray and that the claim Pacific freman were slightly were burt.

GOMPERS RE-ELECTED BY TREMENDOUS VOTE

Only Two of 600 Delegates Stand Against Wilson's Champion

BUFFALO, Nov. 24. BUFFALO, Nov. 24.

The American Federation of Labor by overwhelming majorities went on record here today as solidly behind President Wilson by re-electing his champion of organized labor, Samuel Gompers, to the presidency of the federation, and Frank Morrison secretary, of nearly 600 votes but two were cast against Gompers. Eight vice presidents were re-elected and D. J. Tobin, of indiametalls was elected treas-Cobin, of Indianapolis, was elected treasrer over John B. Lennon

President Compers delivered a ringing attrictic speech, openly pledging a united Federation of Labor anxious to lend every ossible support to the Government. The ight vice presidents are:

First vice president, James Duncan, Gran-Second vice president, James O'Connell,

Machinists Third vice president, William Mahon, Street Railway Employes

Fourth vice president, Jesoph F. Val-atine, Molders Fifth vice president, John R. Alpine,

Sixth vice president, H. B. Perham, Railond Telegraphers. Seventh vice president, Frank Duffy, Car-Eighth vice president, William Green

LAFAYETTE'S COACH BECOMES WAR WORKER

Berryman Resigns as Leader of Easton Eleven-Made Good With Poor Material

Robert M. Beeryman, coach of the La-FROM SITE ON PARKWAY Sayette College football team, has resigned the administration to pass a lease unfavorthe industrial plants near Pittsburgh. This action was taken by Berryman notwithstanding efforts of Lafavette to have him sign a long-time contract, who warmed up to him because he made an excellent showing in spite of the poor material at his com

fo lowers, having been one of the best half-backs in scholastic circles while playing with the Northeast High eleven.

After leaving that school Berryman went to Penn State, where he was a star player for three years on the varsity team.

TILE DEALERS ALARMED BY THREATENED EMBARGO

Fear Japan Will Capture American Market if Industry Is Shut Down

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 24 -- Pennsylania manufacturers and dealers will have carry a large share of the loss, it was ec'ared today in reports presented to a joint meeting here of the Eastern District. Tile and Mantel Association and the Tile Manufacturers' Representatives' Club, if the overnment puts tile among nonessentials for the period of the war.

Dealers are here from Philadelphia, Lan-

easter, Harrisburg, Reading and York, as well as Wilmington, Baltimore and Wash-

"A typica'ly American industry, which has been blult up under a protective tariff until America is independent of the world in tile manufacture, will receive a setback from which it will not recover for years, and may never fully recover, if manufactur-ing is wholly suspended," an executive comittee report stated.

The fear of the manufacturers is that Japan will pre-empt the American market if American manufacturers shut down. Prices are up about 10 per cent at the plants and from 15 to 20 per cent among the dealers, with indications of further

CONFESSES HE BURNED BARN Youth Tells Tale of Being Paid for It by Pro-German

The Delaware County authorities are ouzzied today over whether or not a pro-ierman paid James Schofield, a Cardington youth, to burn the barn of E. V. Bond, at larrett road and West Chester pike Schofield, a trusted employe at the Bond feed warehouse, confessed to District Attorney Hannum, at Media, that he set fire to the barn, first saying that he had been paid \$50 by a pro-German and later that he merely wanted to see a fire. Schofield is being held without hall pending investigais being held without ball pending investiga-tion. The barn, which is in the rear of the warehouse, was burned November 15, after four fires had been discovered in the warehouse during the day.

U. of P. Gives \$11,247 to Y. M. C. A. The total results of the Y. M. C. A. cam-paign at the University are now \$11,247.85. of which \$1900 has been contributed by of which \$1900 has been contributed by the co-eds. The students have contributed to this campaign more than three times as much as they have ever given to any previous campaign, although this contribution has been made by only one-third of the student body. It is with the hope of getting still larger contributions from the other two-thirds that the campaign has been extended to Monday night, when it will close with a market to Monday night, when it will close with a market to Monday night, when it will close with a market to the contributions of the contribution of the contributions of the contribution of the contributions of the c

MYSTERY ISLE THREAT TO BIG U. S. SHIPYARD

"Discoverer" Opposes Permit to Build Ways and Bulkheads. Can't Find Island on Maps

A mysterious island, supposed to be in the Delaware River opposite the site of the Hog Island shipyards, now being erected by the American International Shipbuilding Corporation to turn out standard steel ships to beat the submarine, threatens to delay the construction of the mammoth

Application for a permit to build ship-ways and bulkheads from the Commission-ers of Navigation was opposed by Frank M. Zeller, the discover of "New Providence Island." which does not exist, according to Government maps. Zeller has appealed to the Delivers County courts to decide to the Delaware County courts to decide whether he can build four piers on his island. Zeller, officials say, has been making his

island an excuse for opposing the plans of the Government shipbuilding program. He claims to be the president of the Arcadia and Clifton Heights Railway Company, which is said to exist only on paper. The Court of Common Pleas of Delaware Couny, at Media, will hear the Zeller appeal on Shipping men along the riverfront say they had never seen this island and that there is no island there today. The United States Engineer's Office, in a communication to the Board of Commissioners of Naviga-

"The survey records on file in this office do not indicate the present or past exist-ence of an island on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware in front of Hog Island or at any point near the shore line between Fort Mifflin and Tinicum Island."

TRANSIT LEASE MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL DEC. 3

Failure of Conferees to Agree on Exchange Ticket Abolition Method Causes Delay

Announcement was made today that the meeting of the joint Committee of Finance and Street Bailways of Councils to take up the matter of the Smith-Mitten transit ease will be postponed. Joseph P. Gaffney councement, following a conference with William Draper Lewis, the Mayor's advisor in transit affairs. December 3 has now been set for the meeting.

the city transit officials and the P. R. T. Co. officials have not reached any agree-ment as to a method of eliminating the 8cent exchange tickets. It was said today that other conferences will be held next

Tuesday was the only day next, week available for a transit hearing. Monday has been set aside for the Finance Com-mittee, Wednesday and Friday for special meetings of Councils, while Thursday to Thanksgiving Day,

Only two regular meetings of Councils are scheduled for December, friends of the high-speed line pointed out. The first meeting is set for December 6, the second on December 20. To act on the transit lease at the first meeting, the joint committee would have to work rapidly. If the administration cared to rush

through a lease with a snake that was unfair to the car riders, there would be little time remaining to crystallize public sentiment against it. While there are only two regular meetings of Councils, it is likely that a meeting will be held every week during December to finish up the year's business. Politicians say the Smith-Mitten lease could probably be rushed through Coun-cils if the administration desired it. At present the Smith-Vare combination is in

oresent the Smith-Vare combination is in control of Councils. If no action is taken this year, the lease introduced as an ordinance would be thrown out and acted on by the new councilmanic body.

With the strength in the next body almost evenly divided between the Smithment of the strength in the next body almost evenly divided between the Smithment of the strength in the next body almost evenly divided between the Smithment of the strength in the next body almost evenly divided between the Smithment of the strength in the next body almost evenly divided between the Smithment of this going on, and I propose to take every means to stop it. When held for a further hearing these cases are almost always adjusted in some manner, and never reach court. Automobile there was a strength of the st control of Councils. If no action is taken this year, the lease introduced as an or-dinance would be thrown out and acted on by the new councilmanic body. most evenly divided between the Smith-Vare machine and the Town Meeting Coun-cilmen, it would be rext to impossible for

GERMAN AGENTS AT WORK

AGAINST CONSERVATION

able to citizens.

Insidious Stories of Wastage at Camps and Wheat Being Sold Teutons

Reports made to the Committee of Pub-lic Safety are to the effect that pro-German agents are working quietly to upset the plans to inaugurate a general program of seven wheatless days a week suggested by the food administration. Women's organ izations all over the State have taker of the campaign with vigor and earnest ness, but occasional hints are given that their efforts are meeting with stealthy op-

This propaganda usually takes the forn of reports that the soldiers in camp are wasting bread or that agents of our allies are treacherously selling American wheat to Germany. Attention is called to the fact that Germany is endeavoring in every way possible to prevent the shipment of by the United States to France and England, and it is not believed that the new propaganda will meet with any success

SAVE AND REUSE OLD BOTTLES

Mutual Profit in Conserving Glassware Says Public Safety Committee

The conservation of glassware by th saving of oid bottles is urged upon the pub-lic by the Department of Sanitation and Medicine of the Committee of Public Safety in a statement issued today. "By saving old bottles and taking them

to the drug store when you buy medicine, you can conserve the glass supply and at the same time get full value in medicine. Most druggists will pay for clean bottles returned to them." the statement says. Society for Deaf Banquet Tonight The Knights of de l'Epec, a beneficial society for deaf persons, will give a banquet at the Majestic Hotel tonight to commemorate the 205th anniversary of the birth of Abbe Churles Michel de l'Epec, a French priest, who established the first school for the deaf in Paris and invented the finger-alphabet. William E. V. Brogan, Grand Knight of the Philadelphia council, will preside. Among the speakers will be Francis L. Feighan and John A. Roach.

Americans in Canada Casualty List OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 24.—Americans named in today's Canadian casualty list inciude: Killed—J. E. Raymond, Buffalo, N. Y.; A. T. Nevin, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. Douglas, Au-

burn, N. Y. Wounded—H. Griffin, Utica, N. Y. Brooklyn Man Killed in France NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Allen Thomas Niven, of Brooklyn, a member of the Prin-cess Pat Canadian Regiment, met death during the capture of Passchendaele, Octo-ber 30, according to word received here today by his father, Thomas Niven.

Bouquet for Postmaster Thornton Employes of the postoffice presented to the postoffice pre



BESSIE LEIGHTMAN Fourteen-year-old girl, who braved death to rescue her four-months-old niece during a fire at her home early today.

14-YEAR-OLD HEROINE RESCUES BABY IN FIRE

Girl Almost Overcome by Smoke as She Staggers Out With Child

Bessie Leightman, 14 years old, 2145 South Front street, braved death to rescue her four-months-old niece during a fire at her home early today. The girl was almost overcome by smoke as she staggered the street with the infant. A few moments after her father, Max

Leightman, had left the house to go to work the young girl went into the kitchen to start a fire. Sparks from the burning ignited a cloth on a table a few feet away and spread rapidly. Rushing upstairs she aroused her mother,

Mrs. Jennie Leightman, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jacob Leightman. As the two women hastily dressed and rushed to the street, they forgot the baby, asleep in the cond-story front room.

The flames in the meantime had spread to the dining room and smoke filled the hall-ways. Cheking and coughing, Bessie rushed upstairs and soon returned with

the infant. Firemen confined the blaze to the two downstairs rooms. The damage amounted

DENIES FURTHER HEARING IN AN AUTO THEFT CASE

Magistrate Beaton Holds Man for Court, Saying There Is Too Much "Adjusting"

Magistrate Beaton, in the Teath and Butonwood streets police station, today sounde a warning to all automobile thieves, and departed from the usual magisterial method of handling alleged auto larceny when he refused to hold a suspected thief for a further hearing on his attorney's re-quest. The prisoner, Albert Townsezd, 717 South Smedley street, was held in \$800 for court, so there would be no "adjusting" of the case.

"I propose to throw every case of this kind that comes before me into court." the Magistrate said heatedly, after he had re-fused the request of the attorney. "There is entirely too much of this going on, and

Townsend was arrested late yesterday by Acting Detective Titus. According to the testimony of Charles Paine, 5529 Larchwood avenue, Townsend jumped into an automobile standing in front of the United Stajes Tire Company, 329 North Broad street, fitted a key in the keybox, and started the engine. Paine rushed from the store, he testified, and grabbed Townsend as the engine stalled, and held him until

BALTIMORE AND OHIO CUTS DOWN PASSENGER SERVICE

Two Express and Four Local Trains Are Discontinued and Other

Changes Made Discontinuance of two express trains and four local trains and other changes in schedule were announced today by the Balimore and Ohio Railroad.

timore and Ohio Railroad. The changes, effective tomorrow, are as follows:

Trains leaving Philadelphia.—Washington express (No. 21, 7:45 a. m.) discontinued; Pittsburgh express (No. 17, 7 p. m.) discontinued between Philadelphia and Baltimore; Philadelphia-Baltimore local (No. 59, 4:50 p. m.) discontinued; Wilmington express. (No. 53) 5:20 p. m. instead of 5:33 p. m.; No. 49, 6:25 p. m., weekdays only; Philadel-phia-Baltimore Sunday local (No. 751, 8:05 m.) discontinued: Sunday train No. 749 (formerly No. 769, 4:45 p. m.) run to Aiker

only.
Trains arriving at Philadelphia—Washington-Philadelphia express (No. 22, 10:50
p. m.) discontinued; Duquesne express (No.
18, 5:35 a. m.) discontinued between Baltiore and Philadelphia : Baltimore local (No 64, 11:55 a. m.) discontinued; Baltimore-Philadelphia Sunday local (No. 756, 9:50 p. m.) discontinued.

SEEK DEAD MAN'S ASSAILANT

Mysterious Assault Victim Refuses Treatment and Removes Bandages

Detectives are searching for the assail-ant of James Griffin, 46 years old, 1026 Snyder avenue, who died last night at his home from injuries received during a fight yesterlay at Tenth and McKean streets. Griffin, the police say, when taken to St. Agnes's Hospital, refused treatment, and tore off several bandages that physicians placed about his head, and walked to his His brother John found h on the parlor floor when he returned home late last night.

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The police of the Fourth street and Snyder avenue station arrested three men as witnesses. They declared that they knew nothing of the fight, but Magistrate Imberheld them in \$300 bail for a further, hearing Wednesday. They are John J. Nevin, 27 years old, 1128 Jackson street; Joseph Foley, 25 years old, 2425 South Alder street, and John McCann, 24 years old, 5031 Taxoma street.

Today's City Appointments City appointments today include those Thomas F. Torpey, 1122 Girard avenue.

of Thomas F. Torpey, 1122 Girard avenue, clerk, Department of Supplies, \$1100; Daniel M. Hughes, 301 West Thompson street, assistant clerk, Department of Supplies, \$3 a day; Harry W. Leonard, Somerton, special watchman, Bureau of Charities, \$900 a year; Lewis M. Schneider, 4020 West Reed street, plumber, Bureau of, Water, \$4 a day, and Thomas W. Sweeney, 4225 Pine street, clerk, Register of Wills, \$1000 a

Dance Succeeds McNichol

REQUEST FOR LEAVE IS DENIED TO FRAZE

Elementary Schools Committee Refuses Permission to Work With Government

WOULD LET HIM RESIGN

Mild Sensation Attends Reading of Lat. ter Intimating Previous Disposal of Educator's Case

The Board of Education through its eigenstate in the state of absence to John C. Frazee, associate superintendent of school as requested by the Federal Department of Labor. Mr. Frazee wished to give his contine time to work with the Committee of Public Safety and the Council of National Defense in the mobilization and assignment of labor in Pennsylvania. He offers to take leave of absence for one year without pay.

out pay.

The committee voted unanimously, John Wanamaker being absent, at the meeting held today, to instruct Secretary Willian Dick to inform the Department of Labor that the board would accept Mr. Praise resignation if he desired to do this work. resignation if he desired to do this work.

A mild sensation was created by a left from John Wanamaker read at the meting. In it he said that he was unable to attend the meeting, but that he opposed the committee's voting on this question at a resolution of the board had already deposed of Mr. Frazee. This reference was to the resolution reducing the number of associate superintendents from six to fruit was suggested that Mr. Wanamaker had confused private conversations in this conection with the provisions of the resolutions. The charge has been freely made that the resolution was directed against the provision of the most influents members of the board. It was pointed out today that Mr. Wanamaker's letter on firmed this rumor.

Dr. John P. Garber, superintendents

Dr. John P. Garber, superintendent of schools, recommended that the leave he granted to Mr. Frazee and that William C. Ash, principal of the Trades School, be appointed to act in his place. He further recommended that Charles F. Bauder, now an instructor at the Trades School, be appointed as acting principal of the Trades School.

Mr. Frazee refused to comment upon the action of the committee. He also refused to state whether he would resign or not. One man in close touch with the situa-tion denounced the action of the school tion denounced the action of the school board as "dirty politics" and as "unpatriotic." "Mr. Frazee offered to take the leave of absence without pay. Have you yet heard of any concern unpatriotic enough to refuse such a request? Yet the board has seen fit to refuse this. Did the Pennsylvania Railroad ask Mr. Atterbury to review when he went into Government services when he went into Government services. sign when he went into Government service? There has been no mention of Mr. Frazee's unfitness for the place. The board should be forced into the open and its poli-tics exposed. The intimation by the Bu-reau of Municipal Research that the resolution reducing the number of associate su-perintendents in a letter addressed to each member of the board at the time the resolution came up for action was apparently based on inside information."

FREDERICK R. HARRIS MAY SUCCEED ADMIRAL CAPPS

Head of Bureau of Docks Probable Chief of Emergency Fleet

Corporation WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Rear Admiral Frederick R. Harris, chief of the bureau of yards and docks of the Navy Department will be the successor of Rear Admiral Washington L. Capps as head of the Emergency Fleet Corporation of the United States Shipping Board, according to well-authenticated reports this afternoon. It is known that he is under consideration for the post and that his appointment would be accept able to Chairman Edward N. Hurley, of the shipping board, and other officials.

The appointment must be made by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. Capps was relieved from duty today at his own request, on account of illness Homer Ferguson, discussed as his successor. declined the appointment.

GERMAN PRISONER INSANE FROM BROODING ON WAR

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Thin and emaciated, with wild staring eyes, the first German prisoner of war arrived in

Washington today insane.

Muttering continually and weeping over the broken Hindenburg line, Herman Berka was placed in St. Elizabeth's Hospital here. the first German prisoner to be brought to the capital. Berka was chief engineer on the German ship Cormoran, seized at the outbreak of the war. He brooded over the flow of events as they have turned against the

Kaiser and became violent when he learned

the Hindenburg line had been broken. He was removed from the State hospital at

Napa, Cal., and brought to Washington un-Lack of Material Closes Plant LAUREL, Del., Nov. 24 .- The plant of the Marvil Package Company has been shut down all the week on account of the firm's inability to get gum timber from Virginia. Two of its barges have been tied up in Norfolk for two weeks because all the tugs have been pressed into the Government service. The Marvil Package Company is the largest employer of labor in the county.

BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD Important Announcement

CHANGE OF TIME Effective Sunday, Nov. 25

Train No. 21—Washington Express-leaving Philadelphia 7:45 A. M.) will (leaving Philadelphia

Train No. 22 — Washington-Philadelphia Express—(arriving Philadelphia
10:50 P. M.) will be discontinued.

Train No. 17—Pittsburgh Express—
(leaving Philadelphia 7 P. M.) will be discontinued between Philadelphia and

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Train No. 18—Duquesne Express—
(arriving Philadelphia 5:35 A. M.) will be discontinued between Baltimore and Philadelphia. The Pittsburgh Philadelphia sleeper formerly handled on this train will hereafter arrive on Train No. 12 at 5:53 A. M. The Washington No. 12 at 5:53 A. M. The Washington No. 12 at 5:53 A. M. The Washington No. 12 at 7:53 A. M. The Washington No. 12 at 7:53 A. M. Train No. 52 at 3:50 A. M. Passengers may remain in the No. 13 at 7:50 P. M. Will be discontinued.

Train No. 69—Philadelphia-Baltimore Local (leaving Philadelphia 4:59 P. M.) will be discontinued.

Train No. 49 (leaving Philadelphia Philadelphia Philadelphia (leaving 8:95 A. M.) will be discontinued.

Train No. 751—Philadelphia-Baltimore Sunday Local (leaving Philadelphia 4:45 P. M.) will run to Alkin only.

Train No. 754—Baltimore Local (arriving Philadelphia 1:155 A. M.) will be discontinued.

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R. C. HAASE